



Willowbank Special Educational Needs School replaces Witchhill and Woodstock Schools in Kilmarnock with a new purpose designed building, offering accommodation for up to 50 primary and secondary pupils with complex physical and additional learning support needs.

Built on the site of the former Park School at Grassyards Road in Kilmarnock the single storey building accommodation includes ten classrooms as well as special activity rooms for art, music and life skills, a therapy pool and medical suite. Both the interior and exterior of the school have been carefully designed to stimulate the children and enhance their educational experience.

The facility included:

- Fully accessible, state of the art special educational needs school for children from pre-primary (early years) to primary & secondary
- Electrical hoists in all pupil rooms
- Energy conservation: Photovoltaics, Air tightness detailing, Solar shading incorporated into design (deep eaves overhang)
- Underfloor heating
- Air conditioning
- Open atrium, rooflights and clerestorey windows
- Fully landscaped playground with accessible play equipment and soft play area
- Gym & Dining
- Hydrotherapy pool
- Sensory room including interactive light beams, magic carpet and eyegaze technology
- Secured by Design (the practice is a registered provider)
- Quiet rooms, safe places, music/drama, speech therapy, personal care sanitary facilities, art, life skills, physiotherapy
- Available as after school hours community facility
- Conservatories

The brief responds to:

- Building Bulletin 102 Designing for disabled children and children with special educational needs
- School Design: Optimising the Internal Environment.
- Building Our Future: Scotlands School Estate, Scottish Executive 2007
- Building Excellence, Scottish Government 2007
- Secured by Design - Schools ACPOS: April 2004
- The 21st Century School, Building Our Future: Scotland's School Estate, Scottish Executive 2003.

The £10m project is due for completion in March 2013



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